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DRUG RING CONNECTED WITH MURDER-FOR-HIRE AND WITNESS INTIMIDATION

Robert David McCreery, Sr., 53, Robert David McCreery, Jr., 24, Beau Hansen, 24, Kristopher K. Converse, 22, Joey Eugene Roberts, 42, and Nancy Maldonado, 58, all of Pocatello, have been indicted by a federal grand jury.

McCreery, Sr., McCreery, Jr., Roberts, and Maldonado have been charged with conspiring to possess with intent to distribute methamphetamine. McCreery, Sr., and McCreery, Jr., have been charged with attempting to hire an undercover police officer to assault and murder a potential witness. Hansen and Converse have been charged with assaulting a potential witness in the same case.

If convicted, McCreery Sr., McCreery Jr., Roberts, and Maldonado may face a term of life in prison. Hansen and Converse face a term of up to 30 years in prison.

United States Attorney Tom Moss stated, "We take these offenses very seriously and intend to prosecute these individuals to the fullest extent possible. Intimidation of witnesses will not be tolerated."

Currently, Hansen is a fugitive. Anyone having information about his whereabouts is asked to contact the Idaho State Police at (208) 237-1210 or the U.S. Marshal at (208) 478-4186 immediately.

The indictments came as a part of an ongoing drug and firearms investigation conducted over several years by the Idaho State Police and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. Pictures of the defendants are available through the Idaho State Police.

An indictment is a means of charging a person with criminal activity. It is not evidence. The person is presumed innocent until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.
